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FROM THE PASTOR

Capital Campaign Study

Recently, our MCCI “Becoming Debt Free” Task Force met with our Walsh & Associates capital campaign consultant, Melissa Howland. She shared the results of the congregational Survey we completed from August 5-12 along with a set of recommendations. The Task Force is going over the report and will present a summary insert at worship on September 9 (available throughout the week at the Welcome Centers) before Council votes on September 16. The final vote on whether or not to move forward will be at our Charge Conference Wednesday, September 26, from 6-7:30 in the church Sanctuary.

The Task Force wants to thank all those who helped give feedback. Your voice is so important, and our recommendations are based on your feedback and ideas.

Tailgating Party

Come, show off your community pride as we throw a Brookings Bobcats Tailgate Party! Friday, August 31, from 5:00-6:30pm. We will have walking tacos, brownies, lemonade & water. (You are welcome to bring treats or snacks to share.) We will also have lawn games, face painting, car-decorating, and a “Cheer” competition. Hope to see you there, and maybe even at the game!

Blessings,
Pastor Wade



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WORSHIP SERVICES

New Schedule begins September 9 Sundays

- 9:00am **THE WELL Worship**
Located in the Community Life Center
- 9:30am **Radio Broadcast**
(KBRK 1430AM)
- 10:00am **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 11:00am **Traditional Worship**
Located in the Sanctuary

*Missed the Sunday sermon? Find recent messages on our website:
www.brookingsmethodist.org/worship*

Wednesdays

6:00pm **Manna in the Middle Worship**
Located in the Community Life Center

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feed your soul • Wednesdays

Wednesday, August 29:
Manna Meal and Worship Service
Blessing of the Backpacks
Special Event with Adam Weber

Wednesday, September 5:
Full Wednesday Ministry schedule starts —

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 2:30pm WAM! (Wednesday Afternoon Music)
- 4:00pm Wednesday Afternoon Childcare
- 4:00pm Chiming Children
- 5:00pm Manna Meal
- 6:00pm "Manna in the Middle" Worship
- 6:45pm Adult Manna Study
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 6:45pm College Age Ministry
- 6:45pm Confirmation
- 6:45pm High School Youth Group
- 6:45pm Wednesday School (1st-5th graders)

CONNECT WITH US

Church Office Hours are
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-
12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.,
Fridays, 8:30am-Noon.

Need prayer? Email
prayer@brookingsmethodist
.org and one of the pastors
will pray with you.

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Susan's Saga

The month of August is celebrated as Bible Month in Mexico, and the last Sunday of August is highlighted as Bible Sunday.

This special focus is an excellent opportunity to contemplate the centrality of God's Word.

The commemoration is also a time to reflect on the role of Bible translation throughout the ages to make God's Word available in a language understandable to the people. There came a time when the Hebrew Old Testament was translated into Greek, because the language of common understanding had shifted from Hebrew to Greek. The New Testament was written in Koine Greek, not classical Greek. A few centuries later, it was translated into common Latin, as once again, the language of wider understanding had shifted. Translation is a key plank of the Protestant Reformation to make the Bible available in the language of the people. The modern movement of Bible translation is motivated to make the Bible accessible to minority groups around the world. The common thread is to have God's Word in people's heart language, so we can understand what God is saying.

In a very real sense, every month the Bible should be feted, and every Sunday the Bible should be lifted high, because the Bible is God's enduring Message to humankind.

Susan Huggins

Susan Huggins is a daughter of this church serving in full-time ministry as a Bible translator among the Mixtec people of Oaxaca, Mexico. Susan's sending agency, Wycliffe Bible Translators, is a non-denominational organization; she raises her own funds to support this ministry.



#onething

Thank you to all who have contributed to the #onething August project-Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The contribution of Twin Sheets and Pillows is very much appreciated.

In **September**, our #onething will be **Share the Warmth**. Please bring new and gently used winter coats to the #onething tubs during the month of September to be distributed to families in need in early October. We will also accept hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and other winter outerwear. Snowpants and boots are required for children to enjoy recess at school throughout the winter. Please consider helping keep moms and dads, as well as children, warm this winter. Over 1,000 coats per year are shared with our area families in need.

United Methodist Volunteer In Mission Journey to Dominican Republic, February 2019

THE TRIP: Flame of Faith UMC of West Fargo, ND is planning a Volunteer In Mission Journey to the Dominican Republic. The trip is scheduled for February 15 -25, 2019 (actual dates may vary by a day or two depending on airfare). We will be working with Gordy and Ardell Graner. At this time we do not know where in the Dominican Republic we will be going or what we will be doing. Possible activities include construction, working with kids doing Bible School type programs, solar ovens or whatever is needed by the local church. As is always the case with mission journeys, flexibility is the key. We may be staying in a hostel/hotel or a church or school. It will depend on where we end up serving. We will probably be eating some of our meals in restaurants, but many meals will be at the work site cooked by our Dominican hosts. All our in-country lodging and transportation will be arranged for us. The weather in the Dominican Republic will be hot and humid.

THE BUDGET: The tentative budget for each participant for this trip is \$2200. This includes air -fare from Fargo, ND, all meals and lodging in the Dominican Republic, project support funds of \$300 per person, travel insurance, the Dominican Republic tourist card, tips, materials, a short cultural/educational component, and a small contingency fund. Additional personal expenses not covered in the above budget would vary by participant, but would include passports, immunizations and personal medications, and meals in the airports, as well as any personal purchases. Each participant will be responsible for obtaining their own passport and immunizations.

TEAM LEADER: Carol Knodle, a member of Flame of Faith UMC, has volunteered to serve as the team leader. She can be contacted for more information or questions at: Carol Knodle 2202 34 1/2 Ave S Fargo, ND 58104 Phone: 701 -232 -4468 (h) 701 -799 -9468 (c)
Email: merrilkno@aol.com

REGISTRATION: To be a part of this mission journey please register by contacting Carol Knodle. A deposit of \$100 reserves your spot on the team. Payment of \$1000 will be due by Oct. 15, 2018 and the balance by Dec. 15, 2018. If you are interested but don't feel you can commit at this time, please contact Carol to be included in further updates or for more information.

Manna in the Middle/Blessing of the Backpacks

The first Manna Meal and Manna Worship Service of the season will be on Wednesday, August 29th, and we will kick off the season with a special Blessing of the Backpacks at the worship service. Students of all ages are welcome to bring their backpack or bag for this blessing. The Manna Meal will be served in the Community Life Center (CLC) from 5-6 p.m., and the worship service will take place from 6-6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to stay after worship for a special session with our guest pastor, Adam Weber. (The rest of our Wednesday programming will begin the following week, September 5th.)

Adam Weber, lead pastor of Embrace (United Methodist Church) and author of "Talking with God," will be our special guest at our first Manna in the Middle worship service of the season. Adam will bring the message during the service and will also stick around for a Q & A after the service. Here's a little bit of information about Adam, taken from his website, adamweber.com:

"I live in Sioux Falls (that's in South Dakota) I like typewriters, drive a Rambler, cheer for the Cincinnati Bengals, and have 4 chickens. Fun fact: I once made the worldwide news (from the UK, to Pakistan, to Australia) when a turkey vulture fell out of the sky and onto my back porch during an ice storm. Google it.

I'm one of the pastors at a church called Embrace. Embrace is a 10-year-old church that has grown to 6 campuses and 4,000+ people in weekly attendance, and is still growing. In 2013, 2014, & 2015, Embrace was listed as one of the fastest growing churches in America according to Outreach Magazine. I was recognized as one of youngest lead pastors, which is crazy, given I still can't believe I'm a pastor. I also wrote a book on prayer called Talking With God. I'm married to my beautiful wife Becky and we have 4 kids: Hudson, Wilson, Grayson, and Anderson. (Yes, I mentioned my chickens before my children.)"

We are excited to welcome Adam and look forward to a wonderful night together of worship and teaching. Invite your friends!

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Pastor Wade will lead an adult study based on our Methodist social principles called "Won't You Be My Neighbor?". The study will be held on the following Thursdays at 6:25 p.m.: September 13, 20, and 27.

Charge Conference

Our annual Charge Conference (all church meeting) is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th as part of our Manna in the Middle worship service at 6pm. The meeting/worship service will be led by our District Superintendent, Roger Spahr.

Fall Ministry/Sunday School Kick-Off

On September 9 we are having a Kick-Off event in which the whole church can take part. There will be no Sunday school lessons for children, youth or adults that day.

After The Well service has concluded at 10 a.m., we will have children in the 2 year old – 5th grades begin the Sunday school hour by meeting up with their teacher in the CLC. From there they will go to their classroom (parents of 2 year-olds/3 year-olds feel free to accompany your child – or any child who needs a parent). Some rooms will have activities for the children while others will simply get to know their teacher and classroom. This will not be for the entire hour – so parents please be available for when your child is done in their classroom. 6th graders – high school students can go directly to their Sunday school rooms for a time of getting to know each other.

What can parents do during this time? Good question! You can either take part in the hymn sing which will take place in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour and/or you can visit with representatives from many different adult education or spiritual growth groups which will be in the narthex to answer your questions – while you have coffee and a treat!

Program Start Dates

Wednesday, August 29 – Manna in the Middle Meal and Worship service with special event

Tuesday, September 4 – Jubilee Ringers bell choir rehearsal

Wednesday, September 5 – Full Wednesday Ministry schedule is in effect:

- 2:30pm WAM! (Wed. Afternoon Music)
- 4:00pm Wednesday Afternoon Childcare
- 4:00pm Chiming Children
- 5:00pm Manna Meal
- 6:00pm “Manna in the Middle” Worship
- 6:45pm Adult Manna Study
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45pm College Age Ministry
- 6:45pm Confirmation
- 6:45pm High School Youth Group
- 6:45pm Wednesday School (1st-5th graders)

Sunday, September 9 – Worship times change back to regular schedule:

- 9:00am “The Well” Modern Worship service
- 10:00am Fall Ministry/Sunday School Kick-off**
- 11:00am Traditional Worship service

Letter from Staff-Parish Relations (full letter available at Welcome Center)

In the past two weeks our church family has learned of several staff changes within our church office. The timing of the pastoral transition announcement is unusual for a United Methodist congregation. We are used to this type of announcement in spring with change coming at the end of June rather than potentially in the fall. We will also see a change of personnel in the Office Manager position. Shawna Asmus has resigned and is moving on to a new position at SDSU.

Previous personnel changes unsettled our church family and brought discord into our community of faith. Transition in many ways has been the name of the game for about the last 5 years or so. It has been tough, and, yes, we are weary of this. These transitions have affected our staff and pastors as well as church members in a unique way. The impact of all this has been of concern to SPR, our District Superintendent and Bishop Ough...

... SPR ‘s discussions and decisions are guided by the UM Book of Discipline and, as in all situations that deal with working with personnel, our meetings are confidential. This means that answers as to why may not be able to be answered publicly. We only ask that you trust the committee approved at charge conference to do this work.

Moving forward, we will be hiring a new Office Manager. Through soul searching and prayer, Pastors Wade and Theta have felt a call to move on to new work in the church. The timeline is uncertain, but they have pledged to diligently continue their pastoral work here until the time of their next ministry position. The ministerial cabinet as well as the District Superintendent and Bishop all realize that this is an “outside the box” situation. They are also in prayer for direction and guidance as they seek an interim or appointed pastor for our church. SPR is in regular communication with them. You are invited to share your concerns about these transitions with myself and/or SPR committee members. Please be in prayer as a new Office Manager and pastoral team are sought for our church. Pray for our District Superintendent Roger Spahr, Bishop Ough, and SPR as important decisions are made.

Last and most importantly ask yourself “Why am I here?”, “What can I do right now to build up the body of Christ at Brookings FUMC?” Lift all of our staff and each other up in prayers of support, encouragement and gratitude for all that God has done and will continue to do as we open our hearts to the leading and healing power of the Holy Spirit. Prayerfully find a way to put the resentments and hurts of the past away and look forward in faith to a healthy future, to lovingly serving in unity as the body of Christ through the programs and mission of this church.

Brenda Hieb

SPR Chair

Methodist Night at the Game

Tailgating Event

Join us for some pre-game fun on Friday, August 31st before heading off to cheer on the BHS Bobcats at the football game. We're serving walking tacos (free-will donations accepted) from 5-6:30pm in the church parking lot by the Community Life Center. Feel free to bring your favorite tailgating game — we'll have at least one bean bag toss, but could always use more! Come on over and hang out with your church family.

Turkey Dinner

Come and join your family and friends at the Turkey Dinner at the Community Life Center on Sunday September 30, 2018, serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Please sign up on Sign-Up Sheets and Sign-Up Genius starting on Sunday, September 2nd thru Sunday, September 23rd to make our Turkey Dinner a success. All proceeds go to Missions projects.

\$10.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Children ages 4 – 11, and FREE for children under 3.

JOB OPPORTUNITY CORNER

Office Manager Job Position

We are in search of our new Office Manager. Please pray for the church as we seek applicants over the next few weeks.

This position is scheduled for 32 hours/week. We are seeking someone with a welcoming attitude, strong computer and desktop publishing skills, and a desire to strengthen the mission and ministry of Brookings First United Methodist Church. This person should be a self-starter willing to work in a team environment and help coordinate with other staff members and volunteers to get things done.

If you know of someone with these skills, please encourage them to apply at <http://www.brookingsmethodist.org/job-openings.html>, by September 16.

Methodist Day at the Zoo

We are planning an afternoon of fun at the Great Plains Zoo in Sioux Falls on Sunday, September 23rd. The zoo is giving us a special group discount as follows:

- Adults — \$10 (reg. \$12.75)
- Youth (2-12) — \$7 (reg. \$9.25)
- Under age 2 are free

Plan to meet at the zoo gate/ticket window at 2pm as we all need to go in together for the group discounted rate. We'll designate a meeting time and place so that we can enjoy a treat and devotion together at the zoo as well. All are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun!

Campus Ministry Job Position

Staff-Parish Relations has approved a job description for a part-time (10 hours) Campus Ministry position. Please pray for the church as we seek applicants over the next few weeks. Funds for both the salary and programming costs will come from the Dakotas UM Foundation.

Confirmation and HS Youth

Confirmation is starting!! Our Sponsors are trained and prayed-up for the year and excited to be with our confirmands again. Our Confirmation Ministry is for any 6-8 graders each Wednesday in the church basement for a time of teaching, family group, and fun.

We give a special welcome to our 9th graders and are holding a party just for you, don't miss out! Our High School group is for any 9-12 graders as we gather each Wednesday in the HS Youth room for a time of checking in, prayer, and creative activities and service projects. Both Confirmation and HS Youth begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 7:45 p.m. For questions, contact Pastor Theta.

COLLEGE CORNER

College Age Ministry

College Students/College Age Young Adults, we invite you to a weekly Wednesday gathering from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. (or after the Manna Meal and Worship to which you're all invited). We are excited for the leadership of Addie Borah and the gifts and experience she brings. This group is a safe space to ask questions about faith and the Bible and make new friends. You are welcome to attend as you can! For questions, contact Pastor Theta..

CHURCH CORNER

September Ushers & Greeters

Traditional Service Ushers, Greeters & Hospitality

Bruce Gray, Tom Thaden, Lucinda O'Connell & Family, Lynette & Bob Smith, Bruce & Ila Lushbaugh, Rich Howard, Sandra Moore

"The Well" Greeters

Gena Hult, Abby & Shawn Hawks, Nancy Bohlen, Bill Miller

New Member Class

Every other month, we host a "New Member" Class to help visitors understand our church and tradition and show ways you can get involved "at the Corner of Church and Community". We had a great meeting Sunday Aug. 19th and we celebrate three new members! Welcome, Doug Telkamp, Sara & Erik Bingen!

Radio Broadcast

There are still some open spots left for September, October and December if you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor or memory of someone. The sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center in the Narthex or you can call the office at 692-4345.



(CLC) = Community Life Center

(Sanc) = Sanctuary

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 9am—The Well (CLC) 10am– Traditional Worship (Sanc) 4:30pm-CrossWork Emmaus</p>	<p>3 CHURCH CLOSED</p>	<p>4 9am-CARE Group (Basement) 10am-Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm) 5:30pm-New Day Al-Anon(Parlor) 6pm-Jubilee Ringers (basement) 7pm-Movie Night @ Cinema 8</p>	<p>5 # 10am– Healthy Movement (CLC)</p>	<p>6 2pm-Brookhaven Bible Study</p>	<p>7 6:45am– Men’s Breakfast Fellowship (Hy-Vee) 10am– Healthy Movement (CLC)</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 9am-The Well (CLC) 10am– Fall Ministry Kick Off Event 11am– Traditional Worship (Sanc) 4:30pm-CrossWork Emmaus</p>	<p>10 10am– Healthy Movement (CLC) 12pm-Brown Bag w/Pastor 5:30pm– Harvest Table served by First Assembly of God (CLC)</p>	<p>11 9am-Memorial Committee (Library) 10am-UMW Board Meeting 10am—Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm) 5:30pm-New Day Al-Anon(Parlor) 5:30pm-Disciple Fast Track(Conf) 6pm-Jubilee Ringers (basement)</p>	<p>12 # 10am– Healthy Movement (CLC) 6:45pm–Grief Support Group (Library)</p>	<p>13 2pm-Brookhaven Bible Study 5:30pm– Missions Committee (Library) 6:25pm-Won’t You Be My Neighbor?-Social Principals Study (Parlor)</p>	<p>14 6:45am– Men’s Breakfast Fellowship (Hy-Vee) 10am– Healthy Movement (CLC)</p>	<p>15 9am—Piecemakers Quilting Group (Church Basement) 9am-Car Care Ministry (Brookings Car Care)</p>
<p>16 9am—The Well (CLC) 9am-Adult Sunday School (Parlor) 9:45am-Seeker’s Study 10am-Sunday School(2yr-HS) 10am-Dr. Murphy Study 11am– Traditional Worship (Sanc) 4:30pm-CrossWork Emmaus 7pm-Church Council (Basement)</p>	<p>17 10am– Healthy Movement 5:30pm– Harvest Table served by UMC of White, Sterling & Aurora (CLC) 6pm-Finance Committee 6:25pm-Open Door Singles Group (HS Youth Room)</p>	<p>18 9am-CARE Group (Basement) 10am-Staff Meeting 5:30pm-New Day Al-Anon 5:30pm-Disciple Fast Track 6pm-Jubilee Ringers (basement) 7pm-Movie Night @ Cinema 8</p>	<p>19 # 10am– Healthy Movement (CLC)</p>	<p>20 9:45am-Neighborhoods Com 10:30am– Edgewood Vista Com. 2pm– Stoney Brook Com. 3pm– ULC Communion 6pm-United Methodist Men(CLC) 6:25pm-Won’t You Be My Neighbor?-Social Principals Study (Parlor) 6:30pm-Alzheimer’s Support Group (Parlor)</p>	<p>21 6:45am– Men’s Breakfast Fellowship (Hy-Vee) 10am– Healthy Movement (CLC)</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9am—The Well (CLC) 9am-Adult Sunday School (Parlor) 9:45am-Seeker’s Study 10am-Sunday School(2yr-HS) 10am-Dr. Murphy Study 11am– Traditional Worship (Sanc) 2pm—Methodist Day at the Zoo 4:30pm-CrossWork Emmaus</p>	<p>24 Focus Deadline @ 11am 10am– Healthy Movement 12pm-SOUL Potluck (CLC) 1:15pm– Aging & Spirituality (Basement) 5:30pm– Harvest Table served by Arlington, Lake Preston UMC (CLC)</p>	<p>25 10am-Staff Meeting 5:30pm-New Day Al-Anon 5:30pm-Disciple Fast Track 6pm-Jubilee Ringers (basement) 7pm-Movie Night @ Cinema 8</p>	<p>26 # 10am– Healthy Movement (CLC) 6:00pm Charge Conference/ worship service 6:45pm–Grief Support Group (Library)</p>	<p>27 2pm-Brookhaven Bible Study 6:25pm-Won’t You Be My Neighbor?-Social Principals Study (Parlor)</p>	<p>28 6:45am– Men’s Breakfast Fellowship (Hy-Vee) 10am– Healthy Movement (CLC)</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9am—The Well (CLC) 9am-Adult Sunday School (Parlor) 9:45am-Seeker’s Study 10am-Sunday School(2yr-HS) 10am-Dr. Murphy Study 11am– Traditional Worship (Sanc) 11:30-1:30 — Turkey Dinner (CLC) 4:30pm-CrossWork Emmaus</p>				<p><u>Wednesday Schedule—#</u> 2:30pm—WAM! 4pm—Chiming Children (basement) 4pm—Wednesday Afternoon Childcare (Ed Unit) 5pm—Manna Meal (CLC)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday Schedule—#</u> 6pm—Manna in the Middle Worship (CLC) 6:45pm—Confirmation, High School Youth, Chancel Choir, Wednesday School, College Age Ministry</p>	